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SUBJECT: U.S. GSP AND THE REVERSE PREFERENCE ISSUE

REFS: (A) STATE 41325; (B) BEIRUT 3429

1. TARIFF CATEGORY 90.28(31) IS INCLUDED IN LIST I OF ANNEX II OF EC-LEBANON AGREEMENT, DISTRIBUTED WITH GATT DOCUMENT L/4002, MARCH 8, 1974. LIST I GIVES PRODUCTS ON WHICH LEBANON HAS AGREED TO ACCORD TO EC 70 PERCENT TARIFF REDUCTION.

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2. CATEGORY 90.28(31) APPEARS IN LEBANESE TARIFF SCHEDULE PUBLISHED IN MARCH 1967 "BULLETIN INTERNATIONAL

DES DOUANES," WHICH IS MOST RECENT ISSUE FOR LEBANON
IN THAT SERIES AND IS LATEST SCHEDULE IN FILES HERE.
FILE COPY OF SCHEDULE AS ANNOTATED TO INCORPORATE
REPORTED CHANGES DOES NOT SHOW SUBCATEGORIES AS OF 1972
REPORTED REF B. WE NOW FIND IN FILES INFORMATION
INDICATING FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO SUBCATEGORIES UNDER
90.28, PUBLISHED IN MAY 17, 1973 ISSUE OF BRITISH
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE JOURNAL "TRADE AND INDUSTRY."
ACCORDING THAT SOURCE, CATEGORY 90.28 (SHOWN AS

"ELECTRICAL MEASURING, CHECKING, ANALYZING OR AUTO-
MATICALLY CONTROLLING INSTRUMENT AND APPARATUS") IS
AMENDED TO SHOW SUBCATEGORY 90.28 (33) D, "INTENDED FOR
INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS FOR THE CINEMA AND VIDEO TAPE
RECORDING INDUSTRY," WITH STANDARD DUTY RATE OF 1 PER-
CENT; AND SUBCATEGORY 90.28 (41) E, "OTHER," WITH
STANDARD DUTY RATE OF 11 PERCENT. LATTER IS PRESUMABLY
THE SUBCATEGORY OF CONCERN TO U.S.

3. BECAUSE 1973 INFORMATION MENTIONED ABOVE INDICATES
SUBCATEGORIES HAVE BEEN CHANGED FROM THOSE GIVEN IN BOTH
REFTELS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY SECURING FROM
APPROPRIATE GOL AUTHORITIES SPECIFIC BREAKDOWN OF SUB-
CATEGORIES WHICH ARE CURRENTLY INCLUDED UNDER CATEGORY
90.28, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION OF EACH AND THEIR APPLICABLE
DUTY RATE. EC-LEBANON AGREEMENT PROVIDES IN ANNEX II,
ARTICLE 1(2) FOR MAINTENANCE OF SAME PERCENTAGE RE-
DUCTIONS FOR EC WHEN ALTERATIONS ARE MADE IN TARIFF
SCHEDULE. UNLESS DUTY RATES HAVE BEEN CHANGED, PRODUCTS
ON WHICH POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREA WAS NOTED IN REF A ARE
PRESUMABLY STILL FOUND UNDER ONE OR MORE SUBCATEGORIES
OF 90.28 SUBJECT TO 11 PERCENT STANDARD DUTY RATE WITH
CONSEQUENT MARGIN OF PREFERENCE OF CONCERN TO U.S.

4. AMEMBASSY SHOULD DRAW UPON REF A, AS APPROPRIATE, IN
EXPLAINING U.S. INTEREST AND THEREBY SETTING FOUNDATION
FOR LATER REPRESENTATION WHEN OBJECTIVE OF U.S.
CONCERN CAN BE DEFINED IN TERMS OF GOL TARIFF SCHEDULE
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